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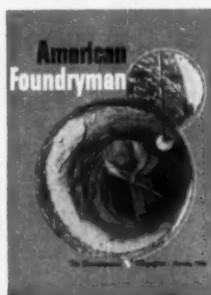


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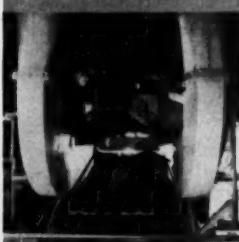


Overhead source of sand for two molders is an important part of small, effective mechanization program completed at Arrow Pattern & Foundry Co., Chicago, recently. Entire unit, described in Modern Foundry Methods on page 57, enabled molders to raise production without increased effort by 30 per cent within a week.

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Workers require no dust masks and still enjoy a 10 per cent cooler atmosphere since Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Milwaukee, designed and installed this dust collecting system on a shakeout in its No. 2 foundry. The system exhausts 16,000 cfm of air. Before installation, average dust count was 40 million particles per cu ft of air. After installation, the count dropped to 10 million. Free silica, previously 12 million particles, was reduced to 3 million—60 per cent of the maximum specified by Wisconsin's Industrial Commission.

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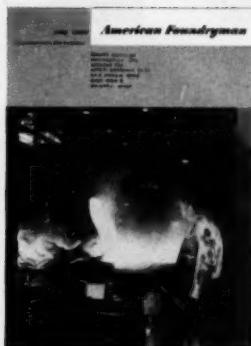
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Meiter poling cold-melt air furnace heat at Frazer & Jones Div., Eastern Malleable Iron Co., Syracuse, N. Y. Moisture in the green sapling creates a boil, bringing colder metal to the surface in contact with full heat of the flame. Clusters of unmelted metal are broken up and the slag is worked back to the skimming door. After additions of alloys or carbon, the boiling and rabbling hastens their absorption. Slagging trough in right foreground utilizes jet of water to break up and carry away slag.

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Inoculating nodular iron with a nickel-magnesium alloy produced this pyrotechnic display in the Mahwah (N.J.) Plant of American Brake Shoe Co. Now taking its place as another cast metal for designers and manufacturers to use, nodular or spheroidal graphite cast iron was introduced to America at the 1948 A.F.S. Convention in Philadelphia as a material produced by cerium inoculation. Processes in which magnesium, calcium, and zirconium are the active inoculants also have been developed.

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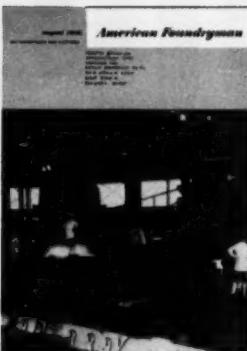
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The Big Pour—303,000 lb of steel into a single mold in 14½ min.—occurred at Continental Foundry & Machine Co., East Chicago, Ind. Molding the 300,000 lb anvil took two weeks, drying 48 hr. Special safety precautions for pouring included new asbestos coats and leggings, hard hats, safety shoes, and goggles for the workmen, pre-arranged escape routes in case of serious trouble, and double crews in the three cranes used. New cables were installed in the cranes, hooks were double-tested. Three open hearths melted the steel poured early that morning. In the afternoon the riser was touched up with 25,000 lb of steel and a three-electrode hot top was used to keep the riser molten. The casting cooled in the sand for 60 days.

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Setting an external core for a 50,000-lb, 4-stage centrifugal blower casting at Chambersburg Engineering Co., Chambersburg, Pa. The finished mold—entirely cement-bonded sand—consists of a bed, a semi-cylindrical core with a separate nozzle core at each end, and four external cores. Already in place is one of the nozzle cores (dark colored). At the start, a bed of cement sand is leveled in a frame containing core prints. The semi-cylindrical core is rammed in place in a box assembled on the bed. Cores are aligned using gage lines on the bed and a level. All compound surfaces are carefully gaged during assembly to insure specified wall thicknesses.

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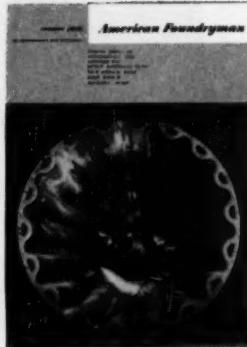
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Rough treatment and a short life, that has been the lot of the lowly cinder pot in the past. Today, with lower iron content ores and increased use of oxygen, the treatment is rougher than ever. Couple these things with the demand for bigger "thimbles" and you have plenty of foundry problems to solve. The cover picture indicates some of the solutions—corrugated walls, expandable rims, copper-coated bottoms—that are resulting in bigger and better cinder pots. The picture story (on page 53) tells something of how the pots are made at the Midland, Pa., plant of the Mackintosh-Hemphill Co.

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Sand shaken out of the stack molds in Cutler-Hammer's (Milwaukee) foundry is carried by bucket elevator in left rear and elevated to vibrating screen above storage bin. The application is typical of the effective mechanization which can be achieved by following recommendations included in the article on how to start mechanizing a small foundry, page 53, by W. A. Morley, Olney Foundry Div., Link-Belt Co., Philadelphia.

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Universal symbols of great occasions, bells are among the most ancient products of the metal casting industry. In keeping with the season and the hope of free men everywhere, the December cover depicts one step in preparation for casting the 10-ton, Anglo-American "Freedom Bell." Workman is using strickle board in sweep molding the core for casting—a practice still common among European bell founders. For more facts and pictures on bell founding turn to article on page 50.

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